

## CHAPTER 14

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1401. GENERAL

a. The role of law enforcement in domestic incidents has become a coordinated community response that includes police, medical, family advocacy and the command or civilian court system. Standard Operating Procedures should be published, by each law enforcement agency, detailing the response to the scene and subsequent coordination with the Staff Judge Advocate, Family Advocacy Officer, Family Service Center and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. The security department's role in the response is as follows:

- (1) Receive, report and identify domestic violence on and off the installation
- (2) Complete an on-scene investigation and initiate follow-up investigation
- (3) Write a thorough report
- (4) Make appropriate notifications
- (5) Aid in the issuance of Military Protective Orders (MPOs)
- (6) Enforce and track civilian and MPOs.

1402. SECURITY RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS

a. Dispatcher - Upon receipt of a report of domestic violence the dispatcher must collect the pertinent data of who, what, when, where, why and how and also determine if a weapon is involved or available. The first priority is to determine if there are any injuries and appropriate medical services are dispatched if injuries are reported. Dispatchers should keep the calling party on the line to give patrol responders current updates on the situation. Additionally, the dispatcher should check available data bases to see if there has been previous trouble at that location and if there is a weapon or weapons registered at the location of the complaint.

b. Time and resources available, the dispatcher should check with local law enforcement agencies to determine if they have a record of domestic violence at the location of the event or persons involved.

c. In all instances, the watch commander should be apprised of the disturbance call and a backup to the assigned unit should be automatically dispatched to the scene.

1403. PATROL RESPONSE. Patrol personnel have to be vigilant when responding to domestic violence calls. The potential for danger is heightened by some common factors generally

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associated with domestic violence situations. Some of these factors may be extreme anger, alcohol or drug involvement, mutual combat between disputants, weapons use or availability of weapons at the scene and the law enforcement officers perceived encroachment or involvement in "personal matters". Patrol officers must, therefore, rely on their training in domestic intervention and conflict resolution. Enclosure (5) to reference (p) entitled GUIDANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS IN SPOUSE ABUSE CASES addresses the basic responsibilities for first responders.

1404. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT. Wherever there is an established Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) policies and procedures contained in the MOU or MOA will be adhered to. DVUs are composed of personnel specially trained and readily available to handle domestic violence incidents. Where DVUs exist, they may be the primary or first responders to a domestic complaint and patrol personnel might be called upon to simply assist or back up the DVU until the situation calmed. This may also apply whenever there is an agreement with civil authorities having concurrent jurisdiction with Navy law enforcement on properties located within or outside the installation proper.

1405. REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES. In addition to a copy of the incident report going to the command, a copy must also be forwarded to the Family Advocacy Program staff. Whenever there are injuries reported, the responding unit(s) should fully describe the injuries and secure photographic evidence of the injuries. If the NCIS or the DVU is not available or does not assume responsibility for following up this investigation, the law enforcement department should also secure a medical report (if one is available) for inclusion as an exhibit to this investigation.

1406. MILITARY PROTECTIVE ORDER. Where warranted, a Military Protective Order (MPO) should be procured from the command.